

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 164

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Andrew Lindland of Cedar Hill.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of corporal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Lindland, a resident of Cedar Hill and a member of the Greenbrier Fire Department, was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his death; and

WHEREAS, born March 8, 1942, Mr. Lindland rendered sterling service to his country in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1964; during this time, he worked with sonar and radar systems and also acted as a shipboard firefighter, a duty that presaged his service later in life; and

WHEREAS, calm and courageous even under the most trying conditions, Mr. Lindland became a certified cave and night diver, and he put his skills to good use as a body recovery diver for the Detroit Police Department when he lived in Michigan; his love of diving also led him to become a diving instructor; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 1998, Andrew Lindland began his distinguished career with the Greenbrier Fire Department, going under the radio call number thirty-seven-fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lindland successfully completed his Firefighter 1 Certification, training in vehicle extrication and hazardous materials, and he was also a certified First Responder; and

WHEREAS, always in search of ways to be of service, he also worked as a crossing guard for the Greenbrier Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being known around Greenbrier for his service to the local fire and police departments, Andrew Lindland, “Andy” to most people, also owned the Noah’s Ark Pet Store with his loving wife Christine; and

WHEREAS, equal to his courage and sense of duty was his spirit of charity; Mr. Lindland worked assiduously to raise funds for the Toys for Tots Program, which provides Christmas presents to the children of impoverished families; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Lindland leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Andrew Lindland, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lindland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.